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Manassas City Police Department is participating with the Virginia's Marcus Alert System via the RapidSOS Emergency Response Data Platform

City of Manassas, VA...The Manassas City Police Department (MCPD), is participating with the Virginia's Marcus Alert System through RapidSOS Emergency Response Data Platform. This 9-1-1 Technology will improve services, and it will allow for a timely response to citizens experiencing mental health related emergencies.

"Ensuring that we are providing efficient services to citizens remains a top priority for our agency. This new technology will help officers and dispatchers get citizens the help they need quickly to continue saving lives", explains Manassas City Police Chief, Doug Keen.

The Marcus-David Peters Act, which was signed into law in 2020, is a comprehensive approach to ensuring that Virginia provides a therapeutic, health-focused response to behavioral health emergencies. The Marcus-David Peters Act legislation also requires Virginia localities to establish a voluntary database for citizens to register. The information from this database will be made available to 9-1-1 dispatchers to provide mental health information and emergency contact information, for use in emergency situations.

Through the RapidSOS Emergency Response Platform, the Manassas City Police Department is able to access life-saving emergency data to provide efficient services to citizens experiencing mental health related emergencies. City of Manassas residents are encouraged to create their free and voluntary RapidSOS Ready Emergency Health Profile at: emergencyprofile.org.

The Manassas City Police Department continue to implement 9-1-1 technology tools that will improve emergency response for our citizens. For additional information on the Marcus Alert initiative please visit the Manassas City Police Department website at: https://www.manassasva.gov/police_department/index.php and follow the Manassas City Police department on Facebook and Twitter.

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